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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching High School,	369 00	
Centre	270 00	
East	234 00	
Franklin	270 00	
West	252 00	
North	270 00	
Wood	172 55	
Care of rooms	86 20	
Books, Furniture and Repairs	374 41	
		$2298 16

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles P. Howard as town Clerk	15 00	
Charles P. Howard for recording valuation and taxes, and making returns of births, marriages, deaths, and other services	38 55	
Chas. P. Howard, printing, postage and express on books	4 79	
Charles P. Howard, journeys	3 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	100 00	
Samuel Batchelder, as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	72 00	
Dennis Batchelder as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	40 00	
J. D. Gowing, as treasurer	38 00	
" " as collector	62 00	
" " extra services & expenses	20 00	
" " printing, post'ge & station'y	11 50	
Amount carried forward,		$404 84

Amount brought forward,		404 84
George K. Parker, as school committee	36 00	
George L. Flint, as school committee	10 00	
Edward S. Rayner, as school committee	23 00	
Sylvester Eaton, a constable	13 00	
		486 84

STATE AID.

Paid Charles J. Burditt	72 00	
Isaac O. Evans	18 00	
Tryphena Harris	48 00	
Rebecca J. McIntire	48 00	
Sarah J. Mason	48 00	
Jane Proctor	48 00	
Robert B. Walsh	72 00	
Josephine Watts	48 00	
		402 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid John S. Coney	6 00	
Henry C. Flint	72 00	
Wm. H. Gerry	120 00	
John Grant	72 00	
Joseph Kenney	72 00	
Fred C. McIntire	72 00	
George E. McIntire	12 00	
Wm. C. McIntire	6 00	
George S. Walls	96 00	
		528 00

ROAD WORK.

Paid Eliab U. Flint	135 80	
Alanson A. Upton	182 90	
Eliab Stone	98 00	
George R. Hinman	254 90	
Amount carried forward,		671 60

Amount brought forward,	———	671 60
Albert H. Holt	250 00	
Benj Eames (for gravel '82 & '83)	5 80	
James E Fairbanks	6 80	
David E. Eaton	1 00	
Wm. C. McIntire (last year)	1 50	
Cyrus Ayer, bridges and culverts	223 84	
Wm. Parker, gravel and labor	3 00	
	———	1163 54

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for Printing annual reports and town warrants,	31 75	
Insurance on Old Town Hall,	40 00	
Insurance on High School House,	15 00	
Insurance on Centre School House,	15 00	
Insurance on West School House,	15 00	
Insurance on Franklin School House,	15 00	
Care of old town hall,	5 00	
Piano for memorial hall,	142 62	
J E. Fairbanks, damage to cow,	10 00	
State tax,	435 00	
County tax,	235 55	
Lodging tramps,	28 75	
Varnishing hearse,	14 00	
C. H. Carleton as sealer,	1 00	
Return of deaths,	5 00	
Check lists, notices and warrants,	13 50	
Interest on town notes,	654 20	
Fence at memorial hall,	300 00	
C. J. Burditt, ringing bell,	52 00	
Cemetery bills,	40 00	
Memorial hall, repairs,	53 84	
Amount carried forward,	———	2122 21

Amount carried forward,		
Liberty pole,	6 45	
Fish committee acc.,	10 50	
Repair on pumps,	12 25	
Overtaxation and abatements,	65 34	
G. B. Parker for Flint Library	52 00	
Return of births,	1 00	
Paid for Fire at Warren Holt's, (1882.)	2 00	
" " on Fairbanks' Land, (1882.)	4 00	
" " at Osgood's Hiil,	9 00	
" " Martin's Pond,	282 22	
" " on Robinson's Land,	41 75	
		$2608 72
Orders drawn for schools,	2298 16	
town officers,	486 84	
state aid,	402 00	
military aid,	528 00	
highways,	1163 54	
overseers of the poor,	1542 33	
miscellaneous,	2608 72	
Whole amount of orders,		$9029 59

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
SAMUEL BATCHELDER,
DENNIS BATCHELDER,
} Selectmen of North Reading.

February, 18th, 1884.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE,

Jonathan N. Batchelder,	58	years,
Emily A. Buxton,	39	"
Sarah Banker,	34	"
Nathaniel McIntire,	69	"
Ruth McIntire,	75	"
Maria McIntire,	15	"
William S. McIntire	13	"
Charles H. McIntire	11	"
Mary J. Norwood	36	"

Whole number 9.
Present number 8.
Average number 7½.

One hundred and fifteen tramps have been assisted.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEBRUARY, 1884.

Five cows	$200 00	
Swine	18 00	
Eighteen fowls	9 00	
Hay and grain	108 00	
Manure	80 00	
Lumber	40 00	
Wood and fuel	85 00	
Farming utensils	266 50	
Household furniture	415 96	
Provisions	147 50	
Bills uncollected	83 30	
		$1453 26

RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Received for labor done off farm	129 80	
Wood	172 55	
Milk	424 76	
Stock	353 05	
Lumber	180 74	
Produce	217 42	
Lodging and board	52 15	
Care of tramps	28 75	
Cash from Selectmen	570 75	
		$2129 97

EXPENSES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries	159 54	
Flour and grain	266 21	
Meat and fish	121 95	
Butter and cheese	40 55	
Blacksmith bill	17 10	
Doctor's bill and medicine	23 68	
Building repairs	99 85	
Hired labor	273 54	
Stock	372 00	
Farming tools and seeds	56 58	
House furniture	23 92	
Clothing, bedding and shoes	62 14	
Lumber	178 10	
Crackers	20 66	
Coal, freight and express	16 65	
Ice	10 00	
Fertilizer	21 00	
Mrs. Norwood, funeral expenses	16 50	
Cyrus Ayer, as keeper	350 00	
		$2129 97

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid city of Boston for Nancy Moore	74 57	
" " for Louisa Fitzmorris	104 00	
Town of Andover, George E. McIntire	36 00	
" " F. C. McIntire	96 39	
" " Wm. C. McIntire	66 00	
" " Addison McIntire	2 00	
" " Eliza Bird	16 00	
Town of Middleton, Saml Curry & family	96 53	
" Natick, W. A. Nichols	72 00	
J. Arthur Whelfluy	56 57	
Mrs. Alice Batchelder	30 00	
Jacob McIntire	20 27	
Wm. C. McIntire	2 32	
George Earley	4 00	
Mrs. John Day	127 25	
C. H. Davis	26 73	
Charles B. Abbott	22 00	
R. B. Walsh for grandchild	48 00	
Funeral expenses and care of Abby McIntire	31 50	
Funeral expenses of Edward McIntire	18 00	
Clothing for J. Orben's girl	7 64	
Mrs. Wm. Walls	13 81	
Expenses of poor out of almshouse		971 58
Expenses of poor at almshouse		570 75
Received from orders		1542 33

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
SAMUEL BATCHELDER,
DENNIS BATCHELDER,
} Overseers of the Poor.

February 16, 1884.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	89 77	
Taxes collected of 1881	510 00	
" " " 1882	1080 23	
" " " 1883	5720 00	
From State for State aid	435 00	
" " Military aid	320 00	
" " Corporation tax	35 53	
" " Nat. Bank tax	13 19	
" " School fund	214 33	
" " Pauper account	89 39	
County dog fund	118 85	
City of Lynn on over's acct. (last year)	97 03	
" " " "	145 00	
City of Boston " "	26 73	
Insurance dividends	22 50	
Rent of Flint Hall Building	22 25	
" of Old hall	35 00	
Knights of Honor for ante-room	10 00	
Trustees Riverside Cemetery	89 00	
For hearse	6 00	
Interest on Taxes	50 20	
Interest on money deposited	10 00	
Taxes not assessed	19 92	
Taxes after abatement	3 90	
Harriet N. Flint Memorial Hall fence	100 00	
		9263 82
Paid out on Selectmen's orders		9029 59
Balance on hand		$234 23

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes for 1883	2680 42	
" " " 1882	800 00	
Cash on hand	234 23	
Due from H. N. Flint on Memorial Hall fence	200 00	
Due from State for State and Military aid due Dec. 10, 1884	731 00	
		4645 65

LIABILITIES.

Due on Town Notes	11000 00
Interest due April 1 1884	302 50
Estimated amount due on pauper acct,	250 00
" " " " other accounts	150 00

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
Treasurer and Collector.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

SAMUEL P. BREED,
BENJAMIN EAMES, } Auditors.
GEORGE B. PARKER,

February 19, 1884.

Assessor's Return.

State tax	435 00	
County tax	235 55	
Schools	2000 00	
Roads	1200 00	
Ordinary expenses	3000 00	
Town debt	1000 00	
Painting	300 00	
Overlay	229 87	
		$8400 42

Total number of polls	214	
Tax on polls	2 00	
Rate of tax per thousaud	15 60	
Personal estate assessed		53,774
Real estate assessed		457,279
Total		$511.053

Number of houses	204 3-4
acres of land	7640
horses	167
oxen	8
cows	310
sheep	1
swine	92

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
SAMUEL BATCHELDER,
DENNIS BATCHELDER,
} Assessors of North Reading

February 18, 1884

Report of Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries.

By Town Appropriation	$40 00
Dr.	
To paid for trees and labor on Cemeteries	$34 75
Balance in Treasurer's hands	$5 25
Received for sale of lots	$89 00
Paid for the same to Town Treasurer	$89 00

C. P. HOWARD,
Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries.

North Reading, Febuary, 1884

Statistics from Town Clerk's Record,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Number of Births,.....18
Males,..... 6
Females,.....12
Number of Intentions of Marraiages,..... 4
Number of Marriages Recorded 7
Number of Deaths 24

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Disease or cause of Death.
Jan. 5 ...	Willie Milton Robinson,..	3	10	18	Scarlet Fever, ...
Jan. 5 ...	Mrs. Mary Dwire, ...	44	5		Consumption .....
Jan. 13 ..	Charlotte E. Walsh, ...	12	8	1	Consumption .....
Jan. 23 ..	Mrs. Joean McIntire, ...	78	9		Dropsy .....
Feb. 21 ..	James A. Whapley,.....	18	7	6	Brights Disease ....
March 10	Kate Flint,.....		1	8	Congestion Lungs .....
March 20.	Rowland Nichols Pratt,..			4	Hœmatophellia .....
March 24.	Mrs. Mary Jane Norwood,	34	11	12	Consumption of Blood ..
May 6 ...	Clarence L. Orben, ...	1	8	16	Cerebro Meningitis .....
May 11 ..	Miss Harriet E. Jeffrey, ..	39	11		Consumption .....
May 12..	Mr. Edward McIntire ..	84	5		Pneumonia .....
May 13..	Mrs. Elvina S. Abbott, ...	69		11	Consumption .....
May 28..	Brown,....			1	Debility .....
June 12	Infant....				
June 29..	Mr. Samuel Flint,.....	86	5	11	Old Age .....
July 28 ..	Thomas Winslow.		2	10	Marasmus ... .
Aug. 5 ..	Mr. Samuel Kelly,.....	76			Heart Disease .....
Aug. 7 ..	George Currier, ...		3	22	Cholera Infantum .....
Aug. 18..	Mrs Francene A. Wallis,	46	4	18	Consumption ....
Nov. 18..	Frederick E. Miller,.....	14	1	9	Drowned .....

CHARLES P. HOWARD,

TOWN CLERK.

NORTH READING, February 1884.

Report of Trustees of Flint Library.

In our last report we told you we had a lot of books for which we had not room upon our shelves, and we intended soon to make a radical change to increase our accommodations. We have failed to accomplish this because we know not just what to do. How to get what we needed and not injure the looks of the room, is a problem as yet unsolved A carpenter has been engaged, other libraries have been visited, but as yet no cunning workman has been found ready to effect the change. We hope that soon a suitable plan will be found and the change made. In the meantime let us console ourselves that our difficulty is not worse, books without shelves are better than shelves without books.

It was for this want of room that books were not purchased at the usual time. The clamor always is, "give us something new," hence less books were taken, and as several diligent readers have left town, we suppose the circulation less than in former years. We are pleased to know that the number of books given out comes fully up to the average.

Sixteen books have been given to the library, the donors have our thanks.

A gentleman in New York has expressed his readiness to make us quite a donation of books, about 70 volumes, and we are in daily expectation of receiving it. We hope the town will make the usual appropriation for the library.

GEORGE K. PARKER
GEORGE B. PARKER,
JOHN B. CAMPBELL,
GEORGE L. FLINT,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
DENNIS BATCHELDER, } Trustees

Flint Library, North Reading, Feb 23, 1884

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 24, 1883,	$ 68 97	
Interest on Flint memorial fund,	165 00	
Received from dog fund,	52 00	
		$285 97

PAYMENTS.

W. B. Clark & Carruth, for books	125 00	
Librarian	52 00	
M. H. Graves	3 50	
Wood	6 25	
Express	1 85	
		188 60
Balance,		$97 37

GEORGE B. PARKER,
Treasurer of Flint Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the library		2,222
Added by purchase within the year		132
Donation from Mr. George H. Parker	5	
Mr. Horatio C. Blanchard	3	
Mr. William A. Russell	1	
Board of Agriculture	1	
War Department	1	
Quincy, Mass.	1—	12
Whole number of books delivered	7,590	
Greatest number to one account	222	
Fines collected		$11 38
Miscellaneous expenses		$13 84

SARAH H. WHITCOMB.

North Reading, Feb, 16, 1884.

Report of School Committee.

The swift flight of time is indicated by the apparent frequency with which we are called upon to submit, in our humble way, a report of that which has been done by way of managing our schools. We have to account for no serious break or interruption, and, in but one instance have we been obliged to change teachers. Miss Simpson who was in charge of the Franklin, resigned her position at the close of the Fall term, and was succeeded by Miss Battles, whom we hope to retain for the balance of the school year.

The fact that the Center, East, North and West, are all presided over by ability, entirely native, and with experience acquired almost entirely in our own schools, is a sufficient guaranty of satisfactory management and gratifying progress.

Pursuant to a somewhat marked demand for a male teacher in the High School, the committee secured the services of Frank L. Kelly, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, who has proved himself a thorough master of discipline and teaching. The unqualified success of the High school proves its usefulness beyond cavil, and we hope to increase its capabilities by proper changes in the course of study, and by supplying a reference library together with a few articles of experimental apparatus.

We anxiously await the time when our town shall have been freed from debt, and we can reasonably ask for more liberal appropriations.

GEO L. FLINT,
GEORGE K PARKER,
EDW. S. RAYNER, } School Committee.

North Reading, Feb. 23, 1884.

Town Warrant.

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of North Reading in tn the county of Middlesex GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of North Reading, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said town, on MONDAY, the third day of March next, at eight o'clock A.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To hear report of Treasurer and Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 5. To hear report of School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 6. To hear report of Trustees of Flint Library, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To hear report of Trustees of Cemeteries, and act thereon.

Art. 8. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the town. Yes or No.

Art. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Schools and Incidentals for the coming year.

Art. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and aspropriate for ordinary expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for Highways, and the manner in which it shall be spent.

Art. 12. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of the Town Debt.

Art. 13. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of their Cemeteries, and the manner in which it shall be expended.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to allow the Middlesex North Agricultural Society the free use of Flint Memorial Hall for a public meeting of the Farmer's Institute.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the money received from the Dog fund.

Art. 16. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for the coming year.

Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to meet the demands of the town under the direction and approval of the Selectmen.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to buy the Hay Scales of J. P. Whitcomb, or what they will do in regard to the same.

Art. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to removing the trees on the sidewalk n residence of Wm. I. Nichols.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to purchase a piece of land for a gravel pit, on Park street, near the residence of George L. Orben, or what they will do about it.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to purchase Johnson Pumps, or what action they will take in regard to the same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to change the Rules and Regulations in regard to Fishing in Swan and Martin's Ponds, so as to permit persons to fish all day on fishing days, or what they do in regard to the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will accept of the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 24. To hear report of Selectmen on Guide-boards, and act thereon.

Art. 25. To hear report of Committees, and act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

JOSEPH D. GOWING,
SAMUEL BATCHELDER,
DENNIS BATCHELDER, } Selectmen of North Reading.

A true copy, Attest.

SYLVESTER EATON,

Constable of North Reading.